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<Date>

California State Legislature
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support SB 924-Civil Statute of Limitations: Childhood Sexual Abuse

Dear Elected Official,

On behalf of **<Org./Assoc>**, I am writing to urge you to support SB 924. This bill would amend the civil statute of limitations period for a victim of childhood sexual abuse to sue their abuser or entity that aided and abetted the abuse. SB 924 would change the current age cut-off from 26 years of age to 40, and adjust the “delayed discover rule” from 3 years to 5 years from when a practicing physician, psychologist, or clinical psychologist first communicates to the plaintiff the causal connection between their adult psychological injuries, and their childhood sexual abuse. These provisions would be applied prospectively—moving forward—to both public and private entities.

Well documented medical literature, which has developed since the time the statute of limitations for civil claims was last extended, demonstrates that psychological injuries stemming from sex abuse emerge later in life, well past the age of 26. Therefore, there is a real medical need to have the statute extended.

Victims routinely need decades to arrive at the psychological place where they can come forward. Abbreviated statutes of limitations mean there will be no justice at all. Moreover, perpetrators and their enablers remain cloaked in secrecy, which leads to perpetuated cycles of abuse; as the years pass, perpetrators and enablers remain unidentified, and more and more children fall prey.

Thank you for supporting SB 924 and allowing a longer time period for survivors of childhood sexual abuse to seek justice.

Sincerely,
<Signature>

<Name>
<Address>
<Title>

Cc: Members, California State Senate
Members, California State Assembly